

United States Bankruptcy Court
61288, Houston TX 77208SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS P.O.Box
(Houston Division)

PROOF OF CLAIM

Name of Debtors <input type="checkbox"/> Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation *place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim against		Case Number 00-35078-H2-11 00-35079-H2-11 00-35080-H2-11	Creditor ID#: 788-49604 United States District Court Southern District of Texas FILED AUG 23 2000 Michael N. [Signature]
Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property): Peoria Journal Star Inc		Check box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.	
Name and address where notices should be sent: *****AUTO**3-DIGIT 615 Peoria Journal Star Inc 1 News Plz Peoria IL 61643-0001 		Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.	
Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor: 019094		Check here <input type="checkbox"/> replaces if this claim <input type="checkbox"/> amends a previously filed claim, dated: _____	
1. Basis for Claim <input type="checkbox"/> Goods sold <input type="checkbox"/> Services performed <input type="checkbox"/> Money loaned <input type="checkbox"/> Personal injury/wrongful death <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Newspaper advertising		<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below) Your SS#: _____ Unpaid compensation for services performed from _____ (date) to _____ (date)	
2. Date debt was incurred: 5/31/00		3. If court judgment, date obtained:	
4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: \$ 742.50 If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also complete Item 5 or 6 below. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of all interest or additional charges.			
5. Secured Claim. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a right of setoff). Brief Description of Collateral: <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other All personal and intangible property of Debtor's Estate Value of Collateral: \$ _____ Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in secured claim, if any \$ _____		6. Unsecured Priority Claim. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have an unsecured priority claim Amount entitled to priority \$ _____ Specify the priority of the claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$4,300),* earned within 90 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$1,950* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6). <input type="checkbox"/> Alimony, maintenance, or support owed to a spouse, former spouse, or child - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7). <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a-____). *Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/1/98 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.	
8. Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection of lien. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.		This Space is for Court Use Only 001306	
9. Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of your claim, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copy of this proof of claim.			
Date 8/18/00	Sign and print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim (attach copy of power of attorney, if any) JOSEPH A. DUNLAP, Credit Manager		
Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or Imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.			

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